

SENATE RESOLUTION 24

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend coaches David Byrd and Heather Warren, and the 2010-11 Wayne County High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class A State Tournament.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2010-11 Wayne County High School girls' basketball team have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cats achieved an extraordinary level of success during this tremendous season, which was capped by their recent victory in the TSSAA Class A State Tournament championship game, in which they defeated the team from North Greene High School 63-58 at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro, marking the second-ever state championship title for Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach David Byrd and Assistant Coach Heather Warren, the Lady Cats ended their season with a 30-3 record; and

WHEREAS, the championship game was close between the two teams, and went back and forth before Wayne County forced overtime by tying the score 56-56, but the North Greene team proved to be no match as the Lady Cats scored seven points in overtime for the win and the title; and

WHEREAS, game highlights included Lady Cats player Carly Daniel contributing twenty-three points and seven rebounds, and Kelsey Risner added thirteen points and ten rebounds;

Samantha Bell contributed eleven points and fifteen rebounds, and Tori Reed scored eight points and grabbed nine rebounds; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County also placed Ms. Reed, Ms. Risner, Ms. Bell, and Ms. Daniel on the Class A State All-Tournament Team, and Ms. Daniel was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player and was also named the 2011 Class A Miss Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Coach Byrd's and Coach Warren's leadership and passion for the game are without question, and their principles of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes were on display throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cats' managers and cheerleaders also played an instrumental role in the team's tremendous season and championship title, standing as avid supporters of the players and exuding an outstanding sense of team spirit; and

WHEREAS, the talented members of this team were: Samantha Bell, Kristen Crews, Carly Daniel, Kelli Griggs, Taylor Hatcher, Tori Reed, Samantha Skelton, Morgan Ann Mathis, Kelsey Risner, Mary Elizabeth Milam, Anna Beth Haggard, Taylor Ann Skelton, Elizabeth Daniel, Hayley Inman, and Stacey Creecy; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Wayne County girls' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Wayne County girls' basketball team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate coaches David Byrd and Heather Warren, and the 2010-11 Wayne County High School girls' basketball

team on winning the TSSAA Class A State Tournament and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.